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# Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

YANG ET AL.

Examiner

MUHAMMAD N. EDUN

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## Period for Reply

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## Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-10 and 12-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 2 and 11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date \_\_\_\_.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date: \_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_.

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

**Claims 3 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.**

In claims 3 and 13, it is not clear as to what is meant by "the predetermined event comprises a predetermined time being up". Clarification is required.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

**Claims 1, 3-10 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Takahashi et al. (2002/0094069).**

Takahashi et al. discloses the invention as claimed. Figs. 1-14 show a game player having the ability to function as a DVD player having the message taking system including: taking the message (for example by a telephone call, see Fig. 2); pausing the predetermined event (i.e. pausing or stop the game or DVD reproduction when the "Pause-possible" setting is set, when the call is received, see Fig. 2 and column 3); and displaying and outputting the message (for example the call is displayed on the television monitor 2, and generating the voice of the call see sections [0043]-[0044], and Figs. 5 and 7-10), as set forth in the claims. The reference further teaches: the predetermined event comprises an operation designated by a user being received (for example either the game operation or DVD reproduction), as set forth in claim 4 and 14; the remote control, panel operation or microphone (part of the telephone 4) (see Figs. 1 and 14, that shows the remote game controller or controls base on input form the controller port 11), as set forth in claims 5 and 15; restarting the DVD player (for example after receiving the cancel pause instruction, see step S14 and S38), as set forth in claim 6; outputting message whether it is a voice or character (see sections [0043] and Figs. 7-10), as set forth in claims 7 and 8; displaying the message time (see steps S5-S9), as set forth in claims 9 and 10; and Further the analog-to-digital converter (taken to be inherent to the apparatus in order to store the digital sound information into the sound buffer 57), as set forth in claim 12. See the description of the apparatus and figures for further details relating to limitations as set forth in the claims.

***Allowable Subject Matter***

**Claims 2 and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.**

**The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:**

The prior art of record alone or in combination does not teach or suggest the message taking method of claim 1 having the further limitations as set forth in claims 2 and 11.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MUHAMMAD N. EDUN whose telephone number is 571-272-7617. The examiner can normally be reached on FLEXITIME.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa Nguyen can be reached on 571-272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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